

STATE OF NEVADA SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL

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MEETING OF THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL'S

COMMITTEE ON MONITORING

Tuesday, October 28, 2014 8:00 a.m.
PEBP Conference Room- 1st Floor Bryan Building
901 S. Stewart St., Carson City, Nevada 89701

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment will be taken at the beginning and end of the meeting, and may be taken at the discretion of the Chair on agenda items listed for possible action. Public comments may be limited to 3 minutes per person at the discretion of the Chair. Comment will not be restricted based on viewpoint. No action will be taken on any matters raised during the public comment period that are not already on the agenda. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record.

3. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Review of minutes for the August 11, 2014 meeting of the Committee.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Committee members may make comments at this time and the Program Manager will bring forward any pertinent correspondence directed to the Committee.

5. DISCUSSION AND REPORTS ON MONITORING EFFORTS- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Committee members and others attending will be invited to provide an update and discuss current monitoring efforts or proposals for future rangeland and sage-grouse related monitoring and monitoring-related work.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING REVISIONS TO MONITORING AGREEMENTS- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Discussion and possible recommendations for revising the BLM Cooperative Monitoring Agreement, anything similar used by the US Forest Service, and activation of cooperative monitoring. Discussions about cooperative monitoring should also address the broader question of documenting rapid implementation and the short-term and long-term effects of implementation of the livestock, wild horse, and other parts of the 2014 Nevada Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Plan.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE NEVADA RANGELAND MONITORING HANDBOOK AND RANCHERS' MONITORING GUIDE- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Recommendations to the Authors of the Nevada Rangeland Monitoring Handbook (Swanson et al 2006) and Ranchers' Monitoring Guide (Perryman et al. 2006) for a possible update if needed. This may include discussion of the use by BLM of IRH and AIM, elements of the 2014 Nevada Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Plan, and other suggested items.

8. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS, DETERMINATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE, AND DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

A. Determination of any specific items the Committee would like to work on at their next meeting, and setting of their next meeting date, including a discussion of possible agenda items.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

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10. ADJOURNMENT - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

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